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Acts 11:1-18

“Repentance Unto Life”

1 And the apostles and
brethren that were in
Judaea heard that the
Gentiles had also received
the word of God. 2 And
when Peter was come up
to Jerusalem, they that
were of the circumcision
contended with him,
3 Saying, Thou wentest in
to men uncircumcised,
and didst eat with them.
4 But Peter rehearsed the
matter from the beginning,
and expounded it by
order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of
Joppa praying: and
in a trance I saw a vision,
a certain vessel descend,
as it had been a great
sheet, let down from
heaven by four corners;
and it came even to me:
6 Upon the which when I
had fastened mine eyes, I
considered, and saw
fourfooted beasts of the
earth, and wild beasts,
and creeping things, and
fowls of the air. 7 And I
heard a voice saying unto
me, Arise, Peter; slay and

eat. 8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. 9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. 10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 And the Spirit bade me
go with them, nothing
doubting. Moreover these
six brethren accompanied
me, and we entered into
the man's house: 13 And
he shewed us how he had
seen an angel in his
house, which stood and
said unto him, Send men
to Joppa, and call for
Simon, whose surname is
Peter; 14 Who shall tell
thee words, whereby thou
and all thy house shall be
saved. 15 And as I began to
speak, the Holy Ghost fell

on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath

God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Focus Points from the Passage:

. The “word of God” and “the word of the Lord”, as in verses 1 and 16, existed long before any “Bible” or various “Bible versions”. Therefore,

contrary to what is so commonly said of Bibles, no Bible is “the Word” or “the word of God”.

. The Holy Ghost fell on non-Jews as it had fallen on Jews. God has made **repentance unto life**, everlasting life,

available to Jews as
well as to non-Jews.